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JUST THE OTHER DAY...

CARE TO EXPLAIN THIS, BUDDY?

STATION SQUARE TIMES

Hmm? I THOUGHT YOU KNEW.

MY DAD'S COMPANY IS HOLDING A LARGE CHARITY DRIVE.

THE PERSON WHO DONATES THE MOST MONEY TO THE CHARITY GETS TO COME HERE TO THE MANOR FOR A POOL PARTY!

YEAH, BUT THIS IS THE PART THAT GOT MY ATTENTION.

THORNDYKE INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCED A CHARITY DRIVE THIS WEEK. THE GRAND PRIZE FOR THE TOP DONATOR IS A POOL PARTY AT THE STATELY THORNDYKE MANOR WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. "THE REAL PRIZE IS DOING A GOOD DEED," MR. THORNDYKE SAID.

WELL, THAT'S REALLY THE SELLING POINT. YOU'RE SUPER POPULAR!

I ALSO SINK LIKE A ROCK! SO, NO POOL PARTY!

NOW HOLD ON, SONIC. LET ME CALL UP MY DAD AND HAVE HIM EXPLAIN.

FINE, FINE. DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE THIS?

HELLO?

HEY, MR. THORNDYKE? CALL THE POOL PARTY OFF ON ACCOUNT OF I CAN'T SWIM!

NOW HOLD ON, SONIC. I THINK YOU'LL WANT TO BE THERE...

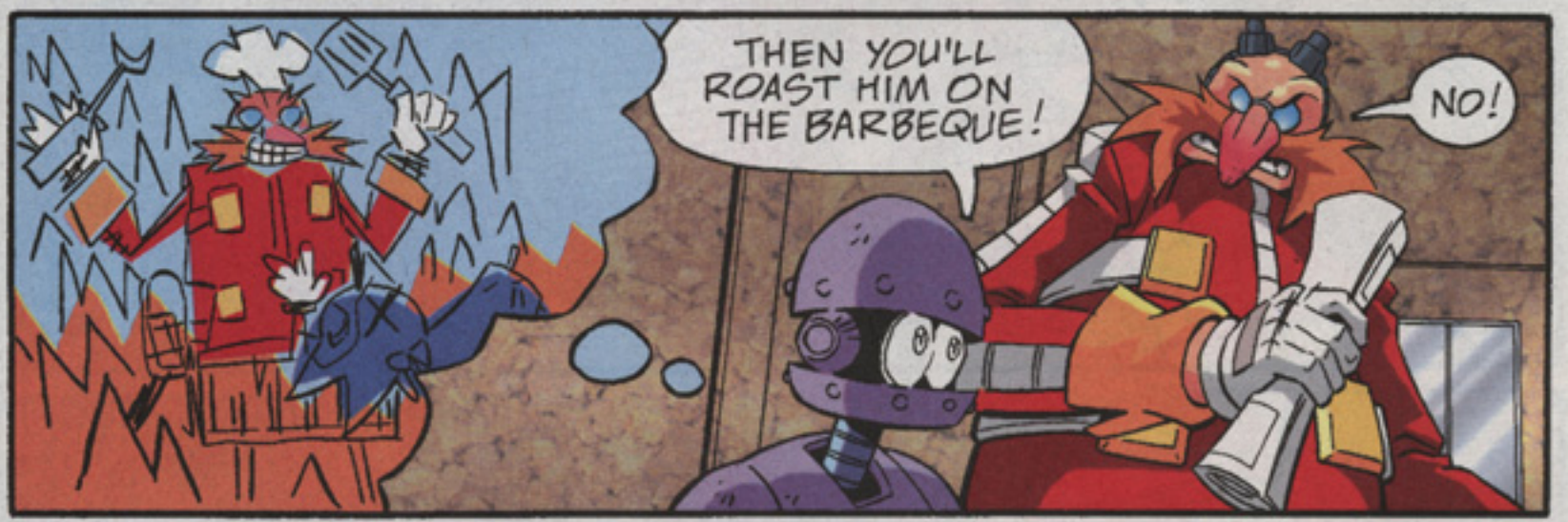
...SINCE IT SEEMS LIKE DR. EGGMAN WILL WIN THE CHARITY DRIVE.

REALLY, NOW? I GUESS I'LL STICK AROUND TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON, THEN.

THANK YOU. I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.

WHAT'S THE PLAN TO GET SONIC THIS TIME, DOCTOR?
OH, I KNOW!

YOU'RE GOING TO DROWN HIM IN THE POOL!
Er... NO.


THEN YOU'LL ROAST HIM ON THE BARBEQUE!
NO!

OOH! OOH! WHAT IF WE BADMINTONED HIM TO AN EARLY GRAVE?!
YES! I'VE BEEN WORKING ON MY BACK-HAND!

NO!

THIS ISN'T ABOUT SONIC AT ALL! LOOK AT THIS!
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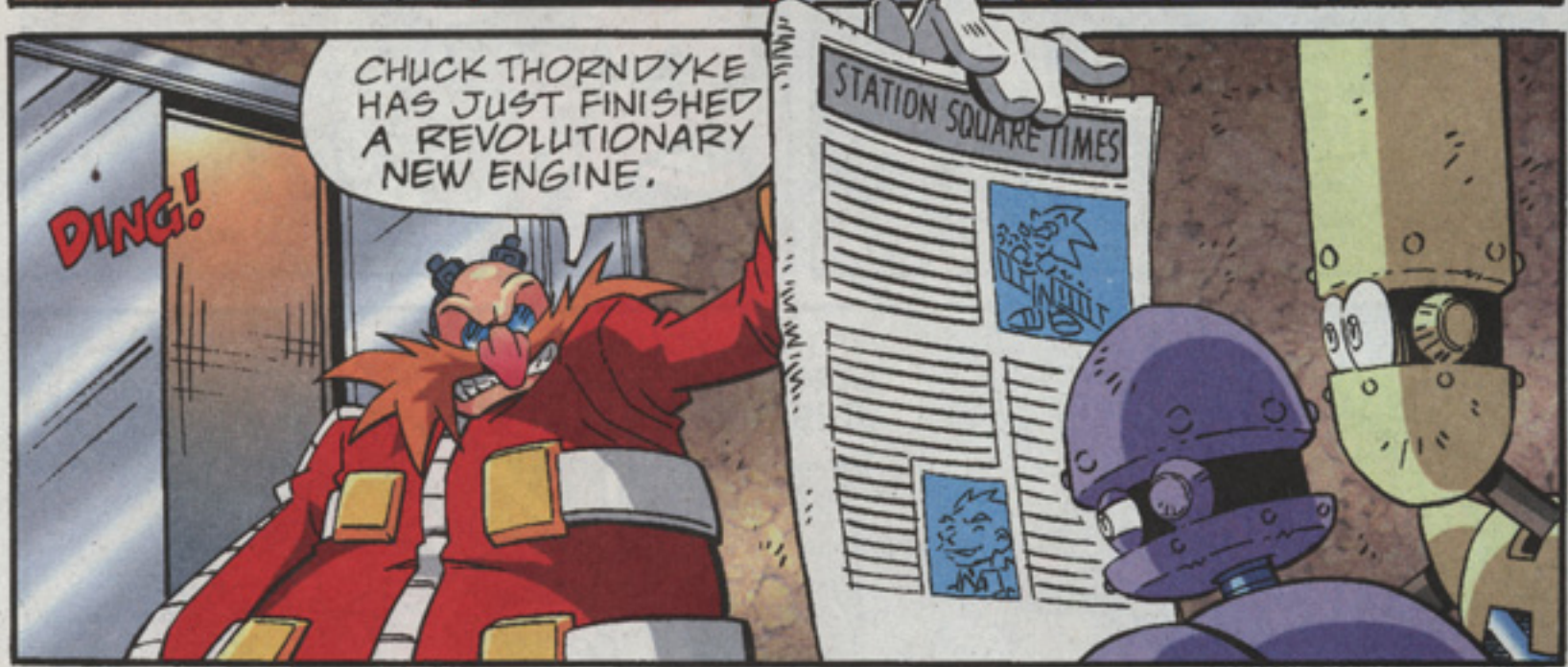
YOU MEAN THE ARTICLE ABOUT... SONIC?


DING!
CHUCK THORNDYKE HAS JUST FINISHED A REVOLUTIONARY NEW ENGINE.
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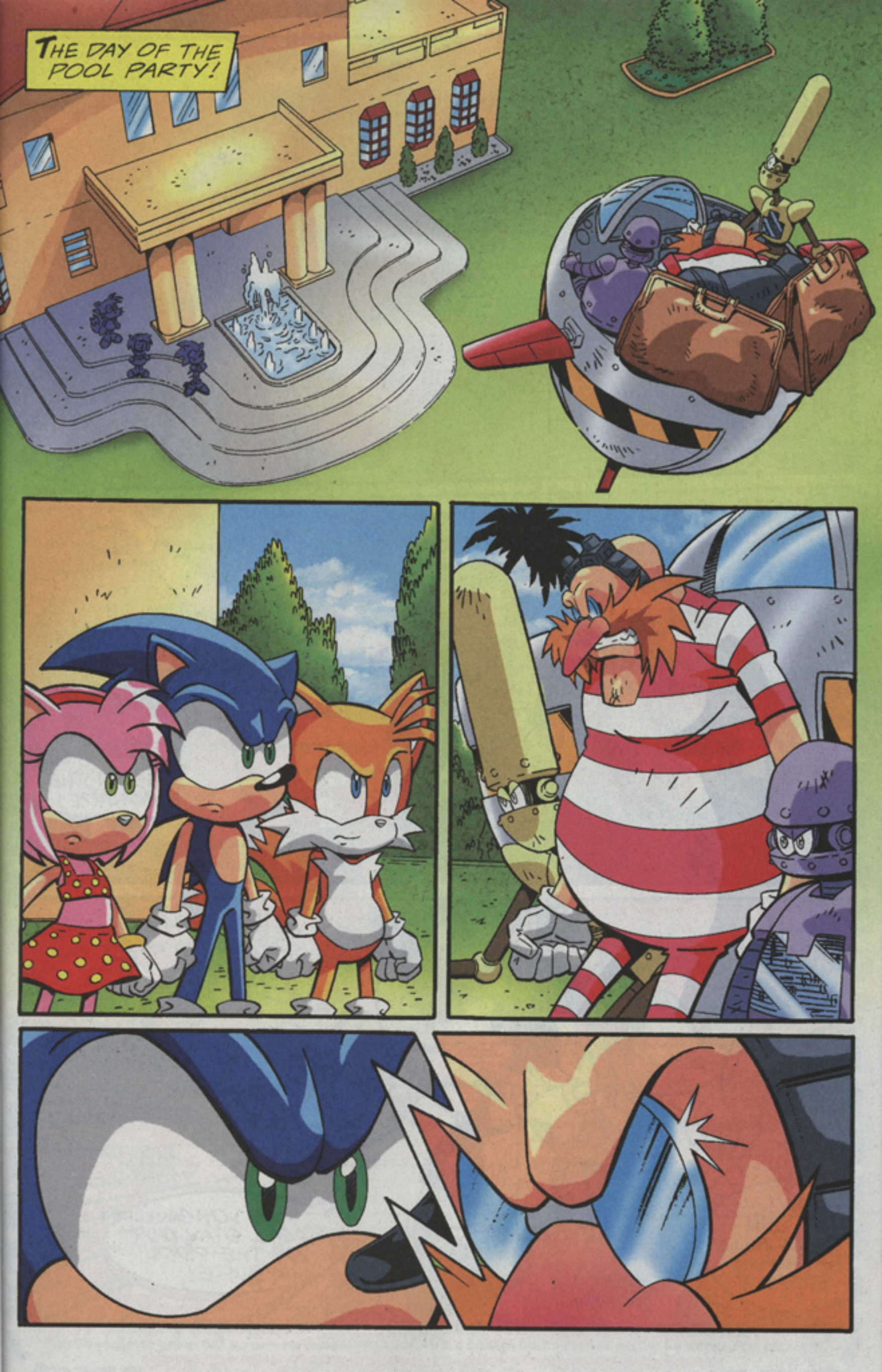
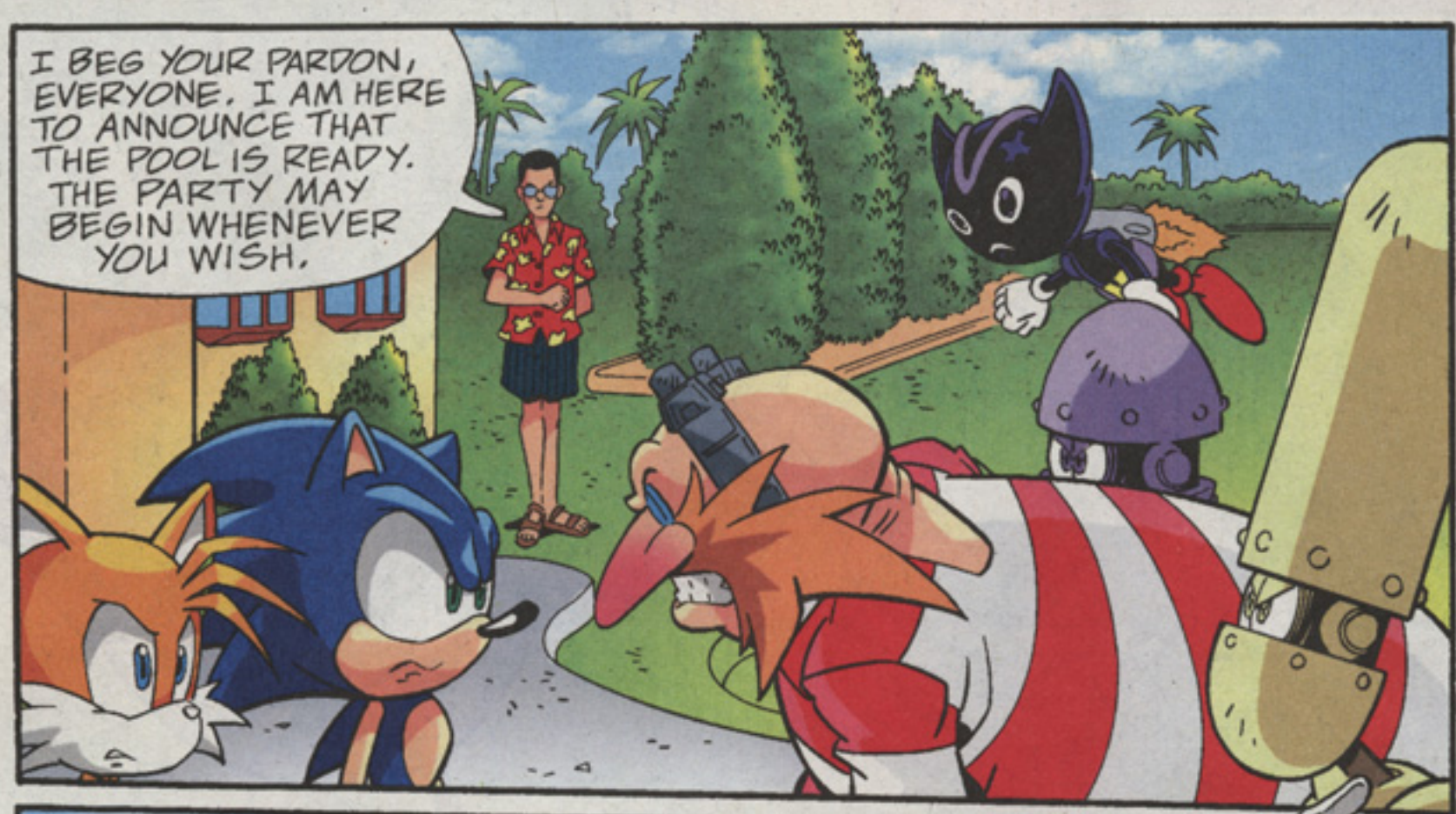
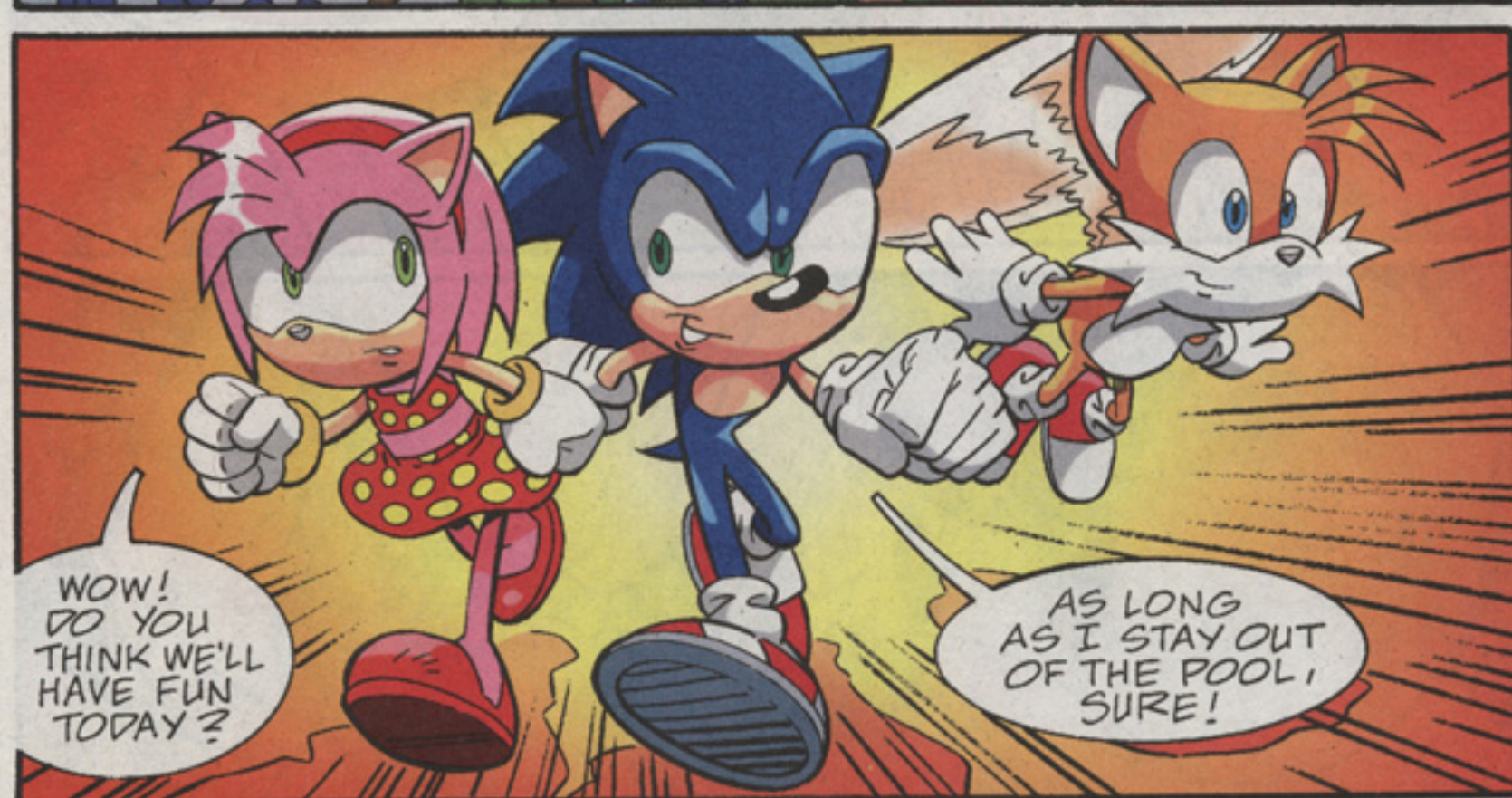
THE POOL PARTY IS JUST AN EXCUSE TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO STEAL IT WITHOUT ANY RESISTANCE!
THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY NEXT GUESS!
SUUURE IT WAS.


THE DAY OF THE POOL PARTY!


I BEG YOUR PARDON, EVERYONE. I AM HERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE POOL IS READY. THE PARTY MAY BEGIN WHENEVER YOU WISH.

OH, GOODY! COME ALONG, BOYS!
DIBS ON THE LEMONADE!


WOW! DO YOU THINK WE'LL HAVE FUN TODAY?
AS LONG AS I STAY OUT OF THE POOL, SURE!

SOON...
THIS IS NICE! JUST KICKING BACK AND RELAXING...

THE GIRLS ARE PLAYING AS IF NOTHING WEIRD IS GOING ON.

SO IS CHUCK. EGGMAN HASN'T TRIED ANYTHING YET, BUT I TRUST HIM AS WELL AS I CAN SWIM.

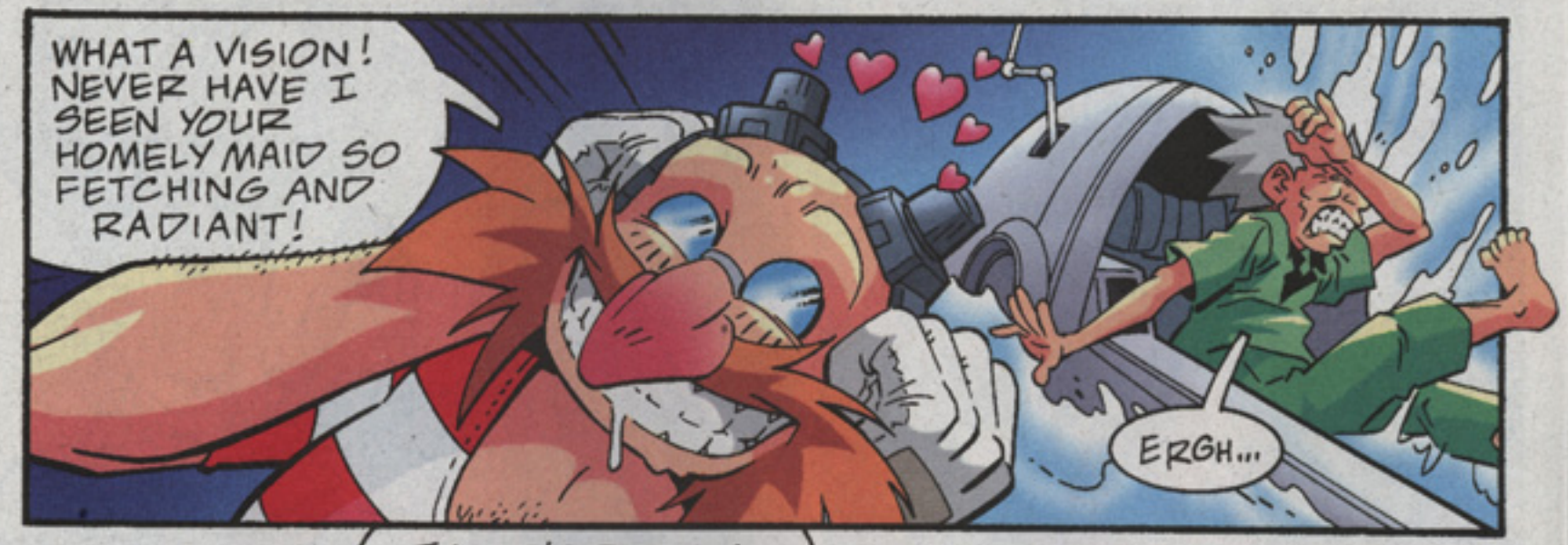
I HAVE TO ADMIT, EGGMAN. I'M IMPRESSED WITH THESE FLOATS OF YOURS.
I'M SO GLAD YOU APPROVE, CHUCK! SO TELL ME! FROM ONE BRILLIANT INVENTOR TO ANOTHER...
...WHERE WOULD YOU KEEP A SUPER-ADVANCED ENGINE?

HYPOTHETICALLY.
I KEEP ALL MY INVENTIONS IN THE WORKSHOP OVER THE GARAGE.
FASCINATING!

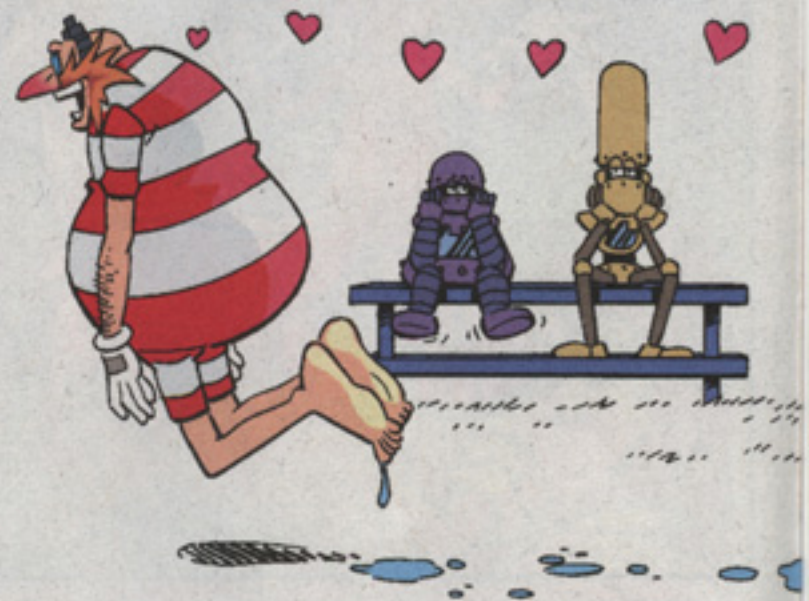
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I MUST STEAL AWAY FOR MORE SUNSCREEN!

...oh my!

Ahhh! WHAT A PERFECT DAY TO SUNBATHE!



THERE'S BEEN A SLIGHT CHANGE IN PLANS TODAY!



HEY GUYS! WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD?

BECAUSE WE ARE BORED, TAILS.

A POOL PARTY'S NO FUN WHEN YOU CAN'T SWIM.

IT'S NOT THAT. OUR CIRCUITRY WOULD SHORT OUT IF WE GOT WET.

I COULD TEACH YOU HOW.

AND WE CAN'T EVEN GET A TAN! WE REFLECT THE SUNLIGHT!

THEN IT'S EVEN EASIER! C'MON! I'LL MODIFY YOU TO BE WATER-WORTHY!

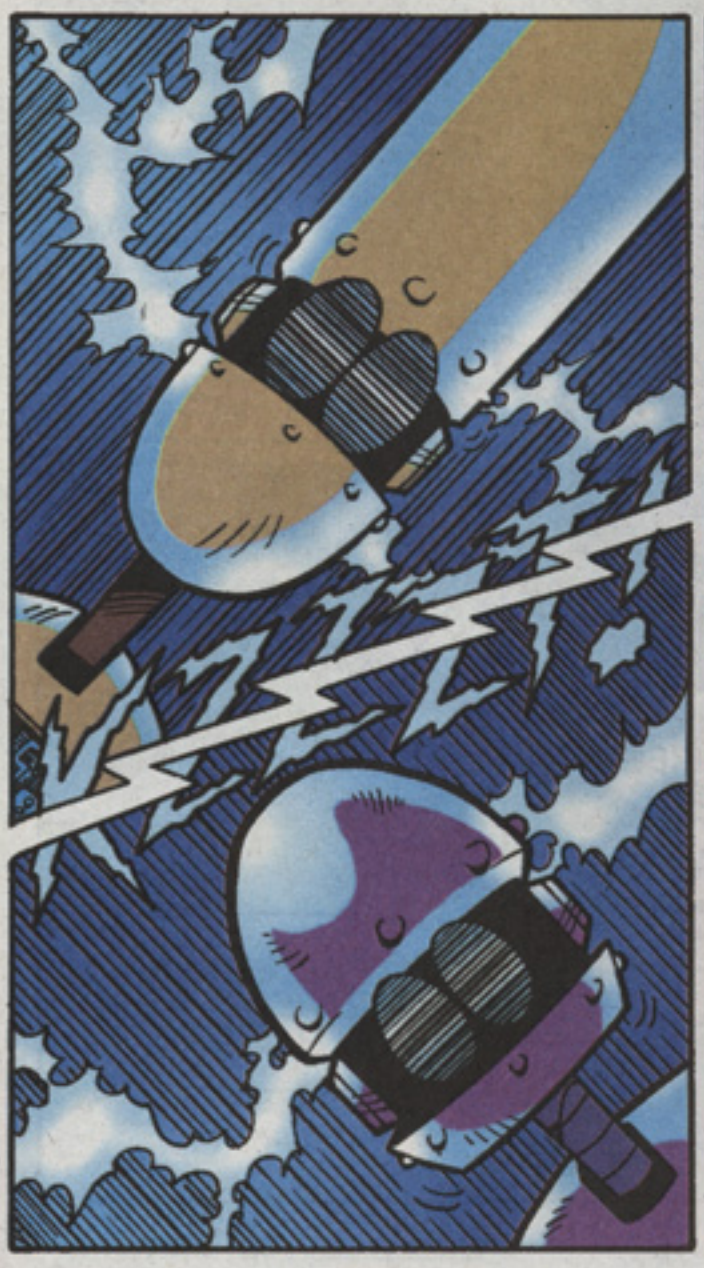
REALLY?!

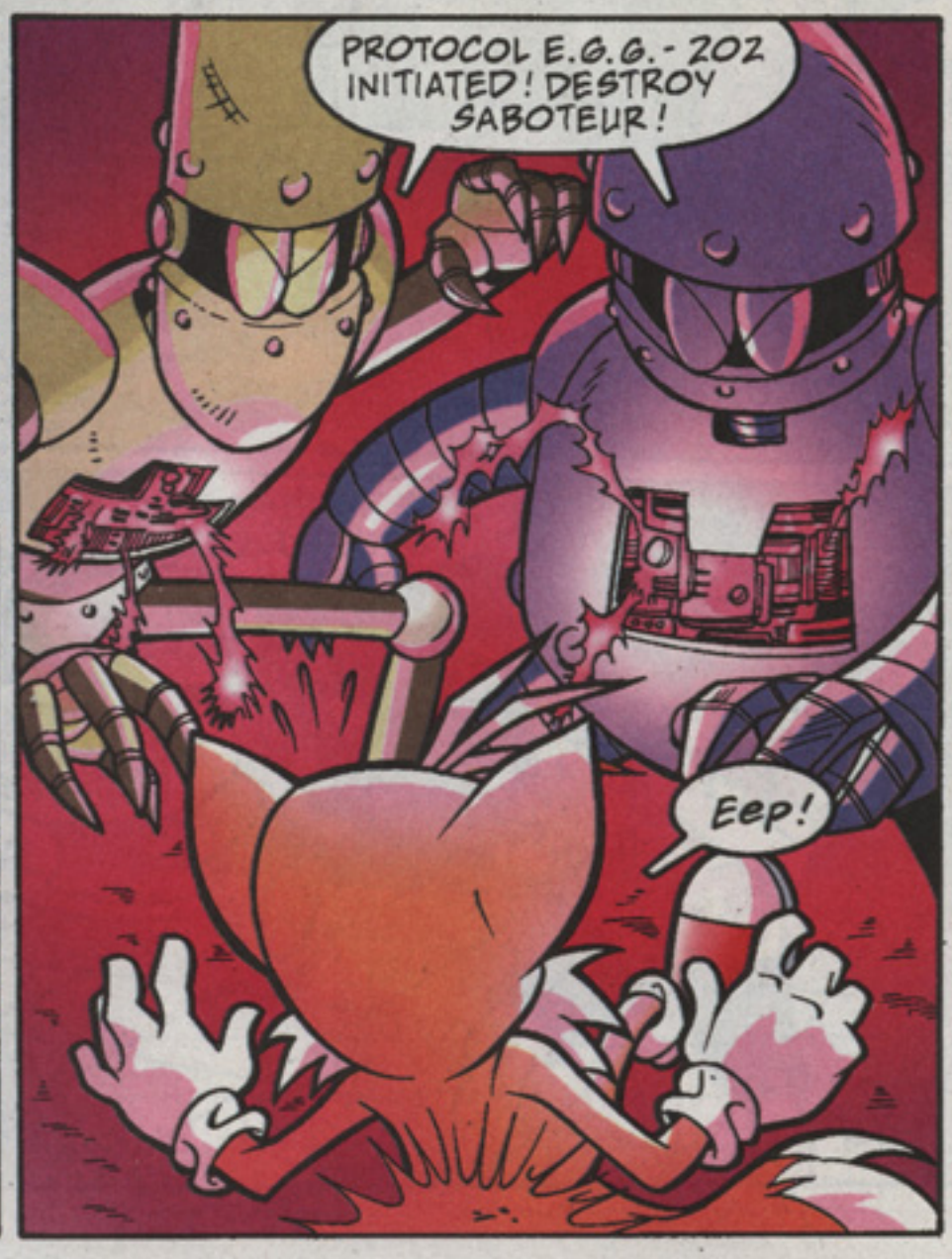
I DON'T KNOW, TAILS... I THINK I REMEMBER THE DOCTOR SAYING HE PUT FAIL-SAFES IN US TO STOP ANY MODIFICATIONS.

DON'T WORRY, BOCOE. I'LL BE CAREFUL.

I WANT TO PLAY WATER POLO FIRST.

THIS LOOKS SIMPLE ENOUGH. FIRST I JUST HAVE TO TURN THIS PART OFF FOR SAFETY AND...





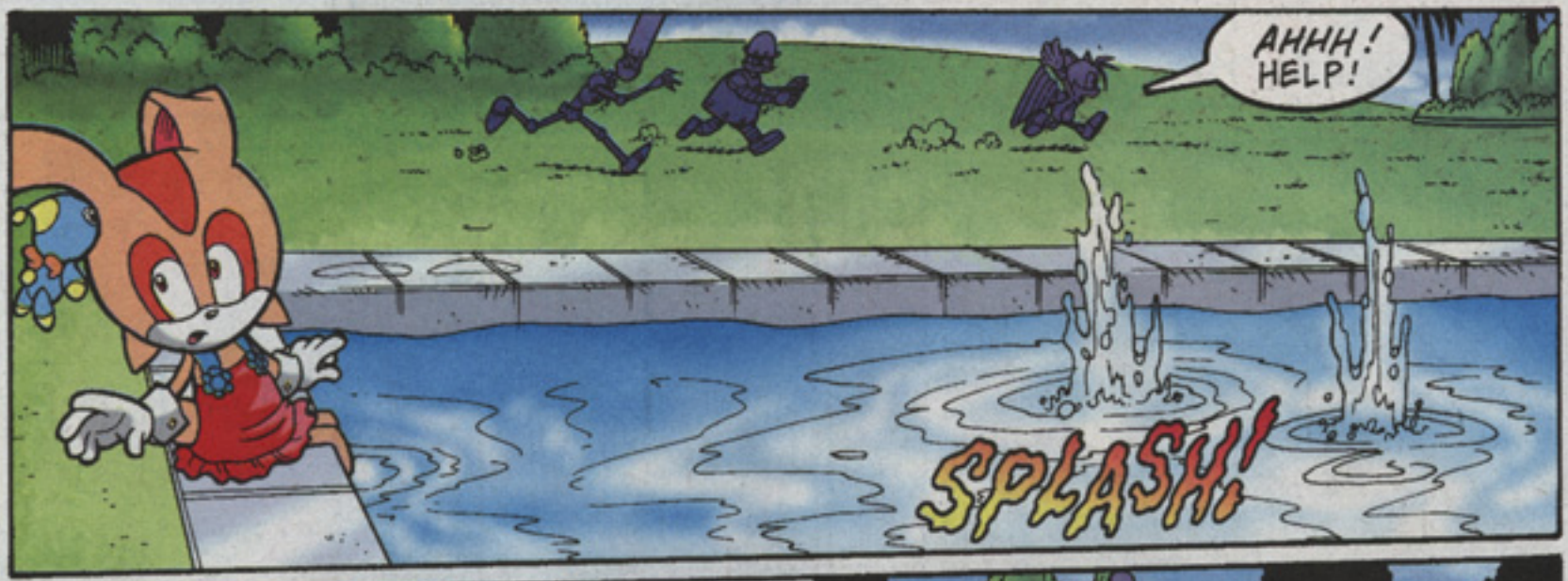
SEE IF I DO ANYTHING NICE FOR YOU GUYS AGAIN!

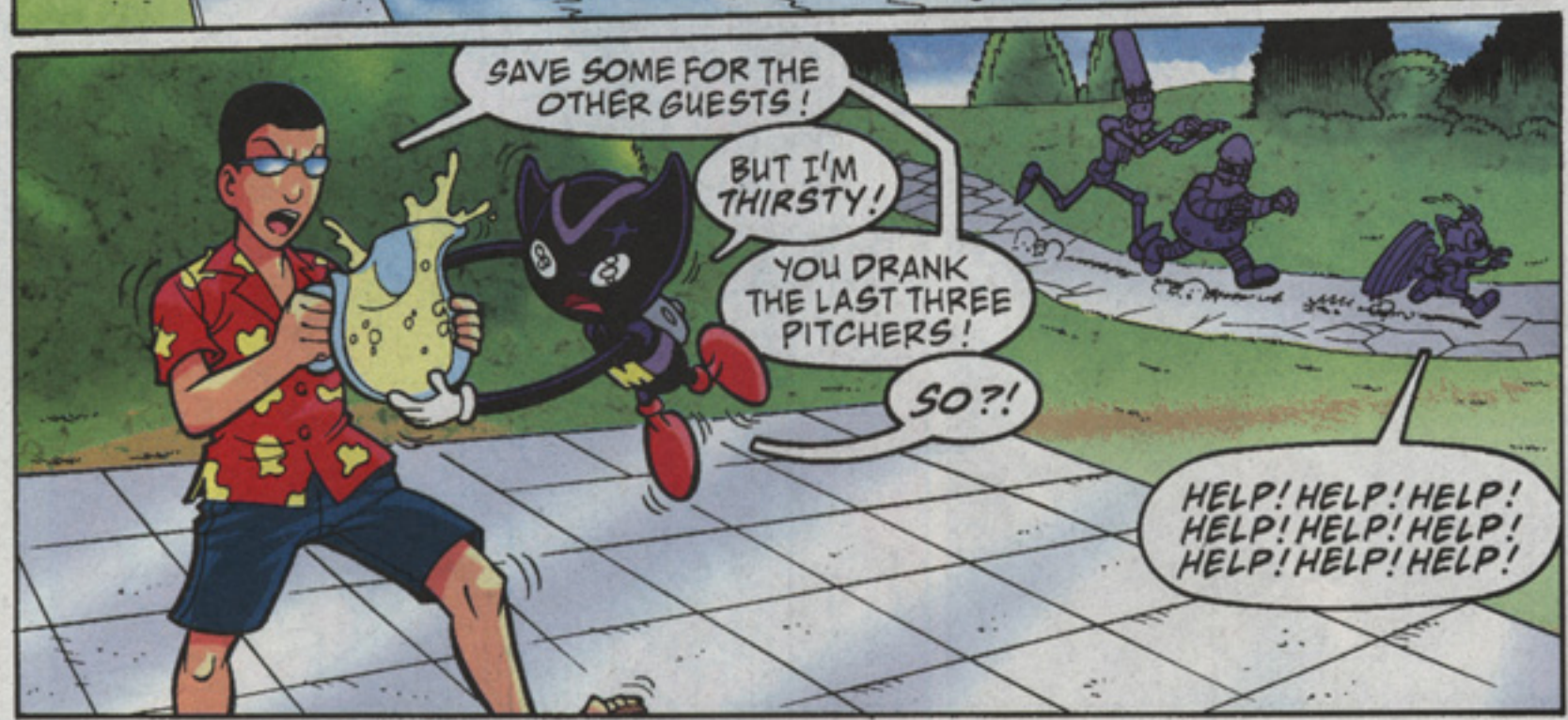
I BET I CAN HOLD MY BREATH LONGER THAN YOU, GRANDPA!

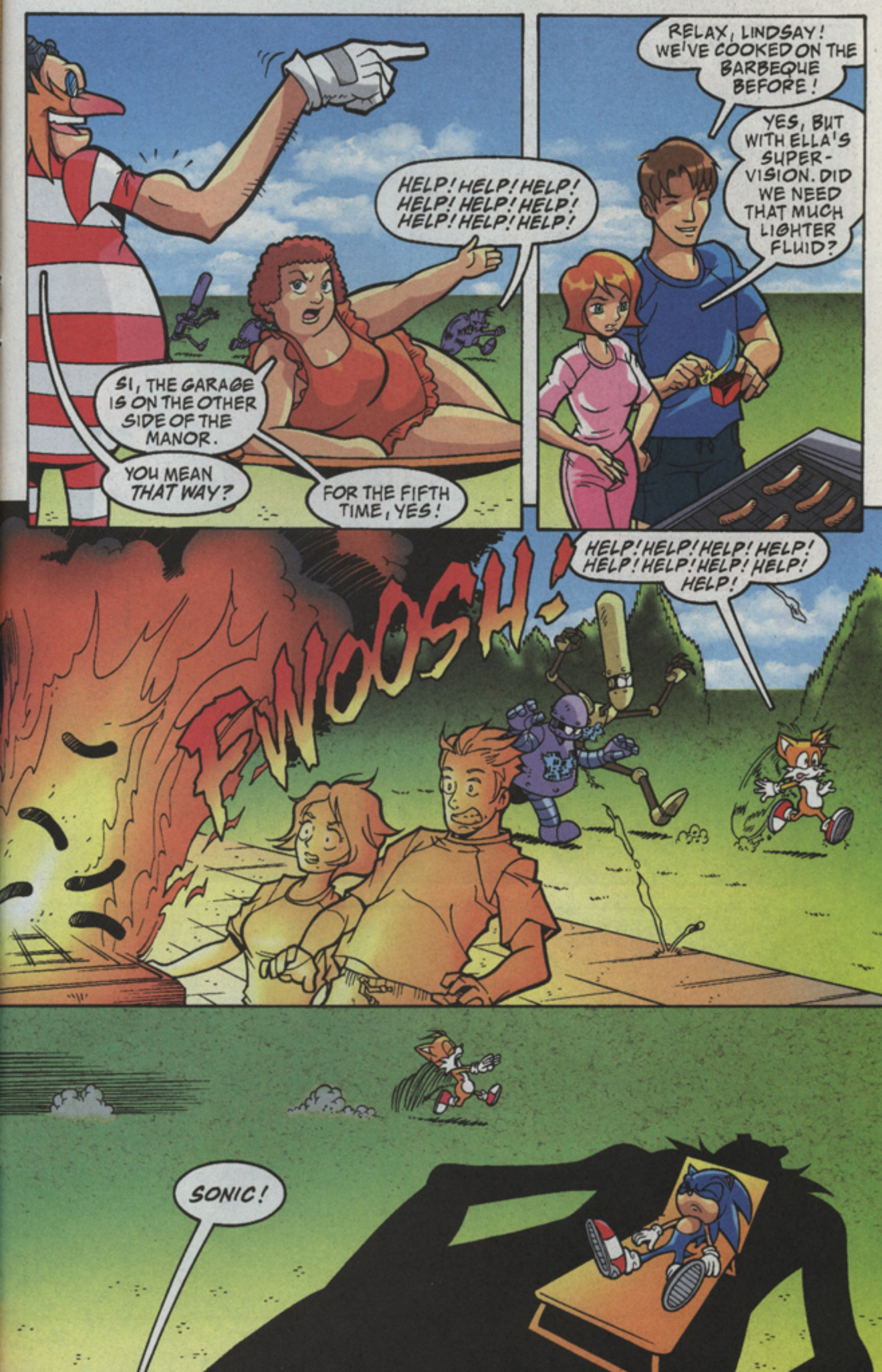
YOU'RE ON!

OW! I HAVE WATER IN MY EAR!

I'LL GO GET YOU AN EAR SWAB!






HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!
SI, THE GARAGE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MANOR.
YOU MEAN THAT WAY?
FOR THE FIFTH TIME, YES!
RELAX, LINDSAY! WE'VE COOKED ON THE BARBEQUE BEFORE!
YES, BUT WITH ELLA'S SUPER-VISION. DID WE NEED THAT MUCH LIGHTER FLUID?
WOOSH!
HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!
SONIC!

YOU WILL COMPETE WITH ME IN A DIVING CONTEST TO DISPLAY MY DESIRABLE PROWESS.

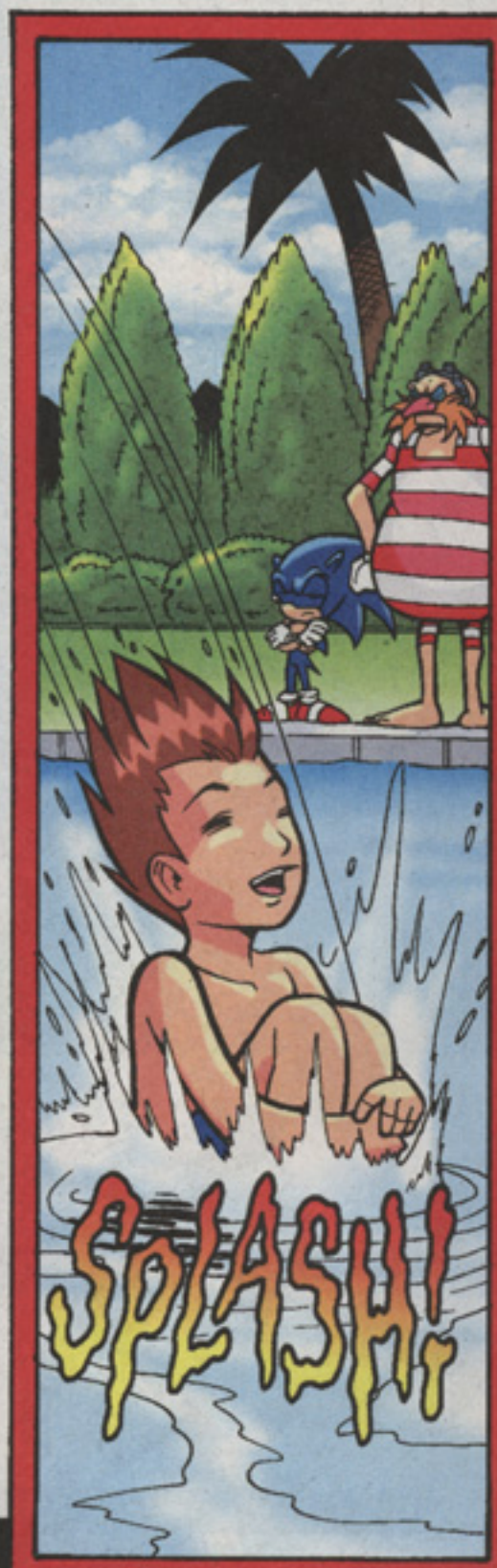
YEAH RIGHT.

DON'T WORRY, SONIC! I'LL GO FIRST AND HELP YOU BACK TO THE SURFACE.

WELL... ALL RIGHT, THEN.

ARE YOU WATCHING, ELLA?

BESIDES, MAYBE IT WILL GET HIM OUT OF HERE SOONER.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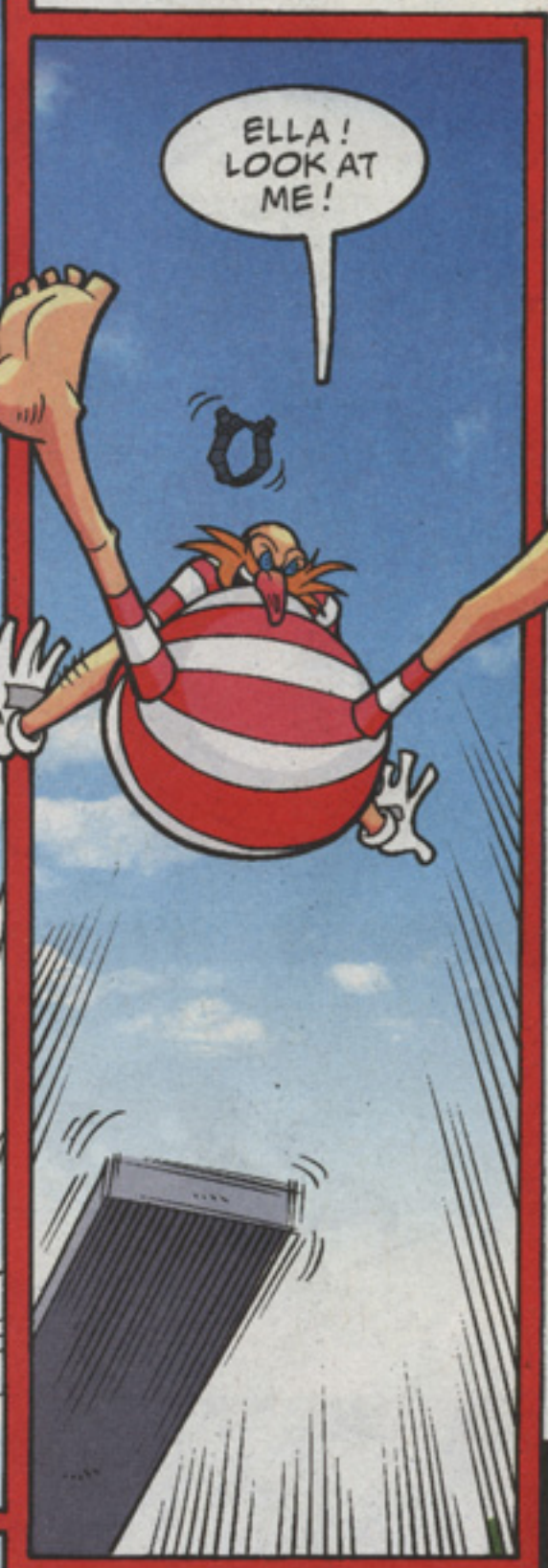
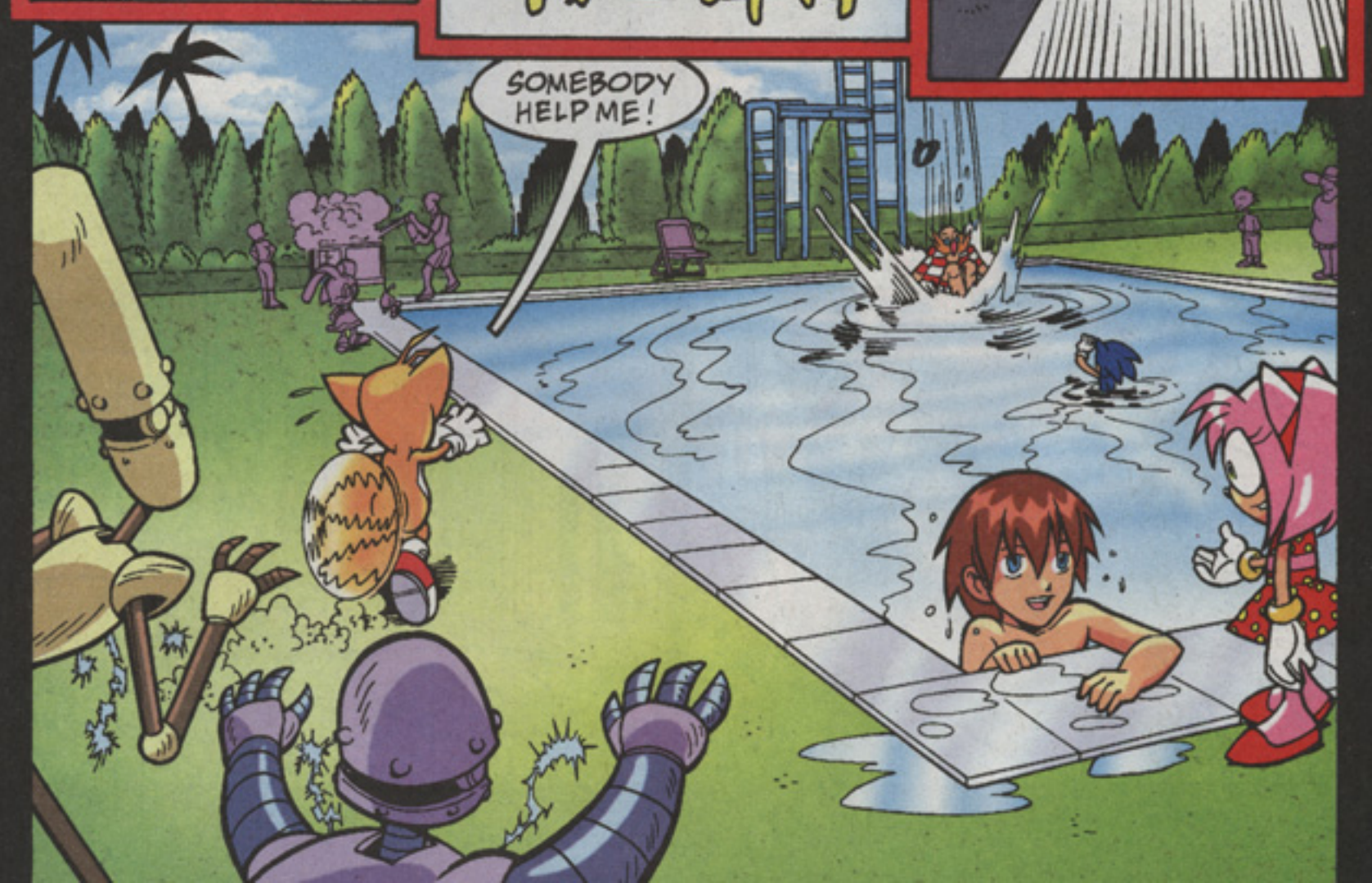
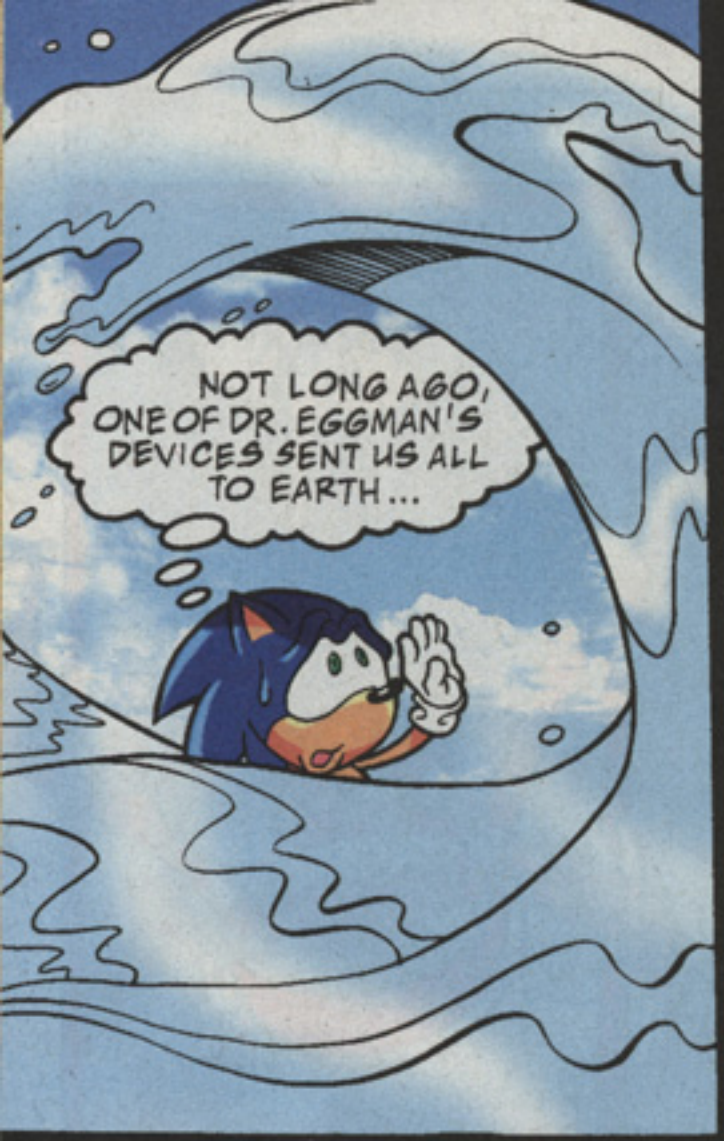
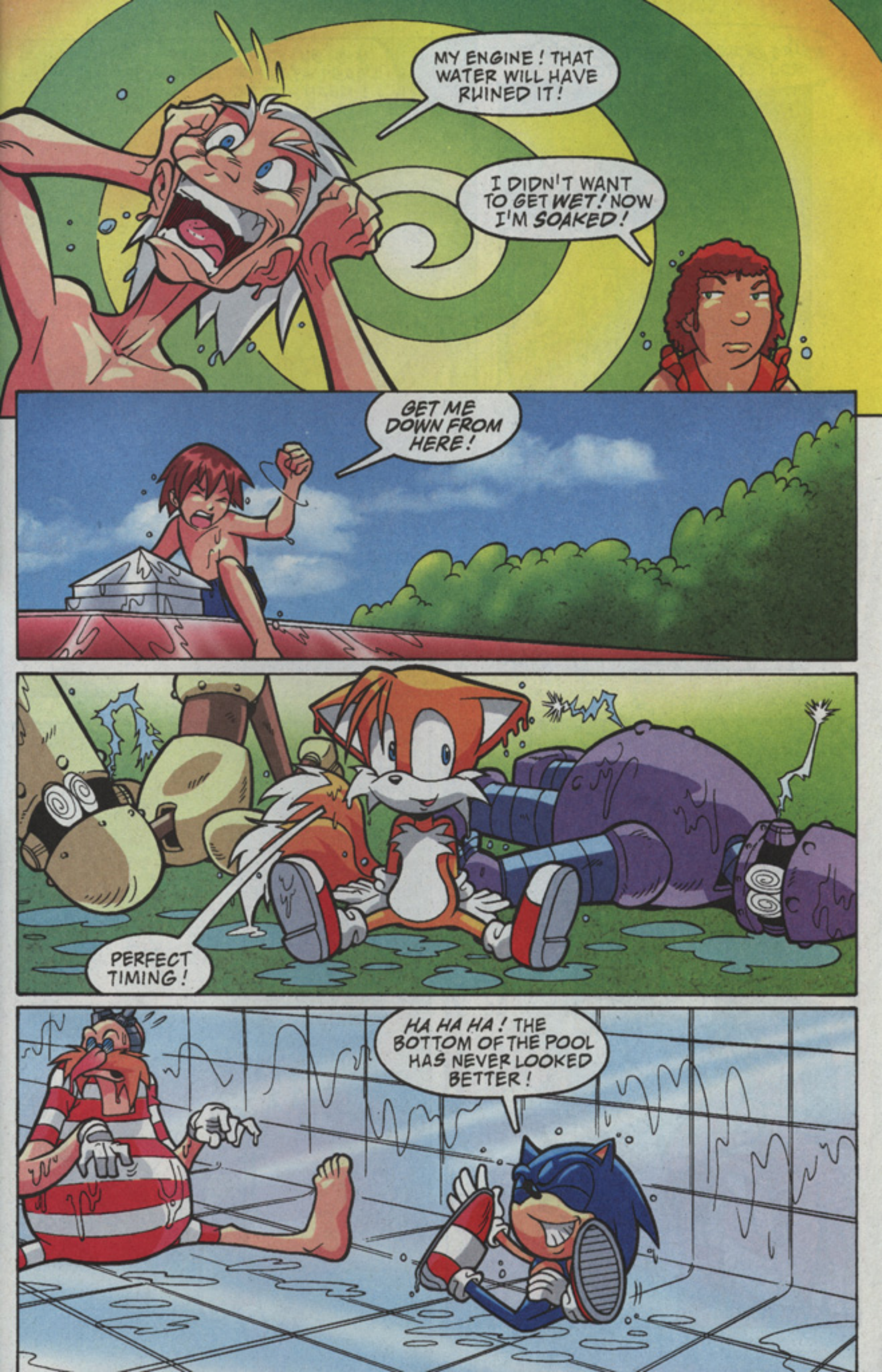
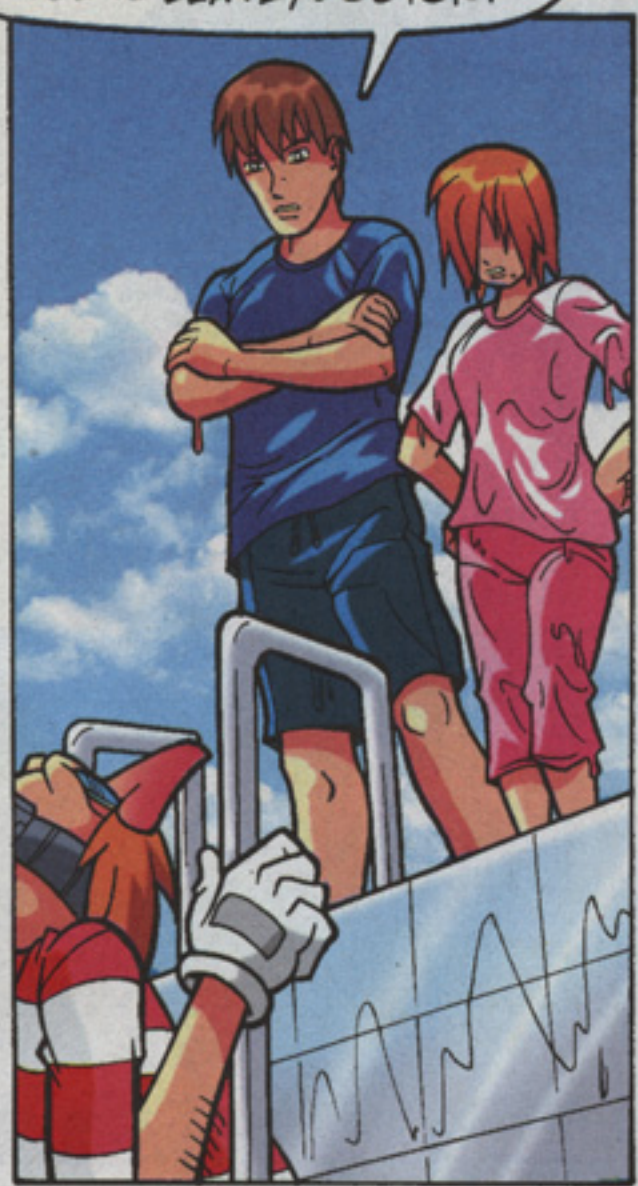

ELLA! LOOK AT ME!


SOMEBODY HELP ME!


NOT LONG AGO, ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S DEVICES SENT US ALL TO EARTH...

KER-
SPLOOSH!


MY ENGINE! THAT WATER WILL HAVE RUINED IT!
I DIDN'T WANT TO GET WET! NOW I'M SOAKED!
GET ME DOWN FROM HERE!
PERFECT TIMING!
HA HA HA! THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL HAS NEVER LOOKED BETTER!

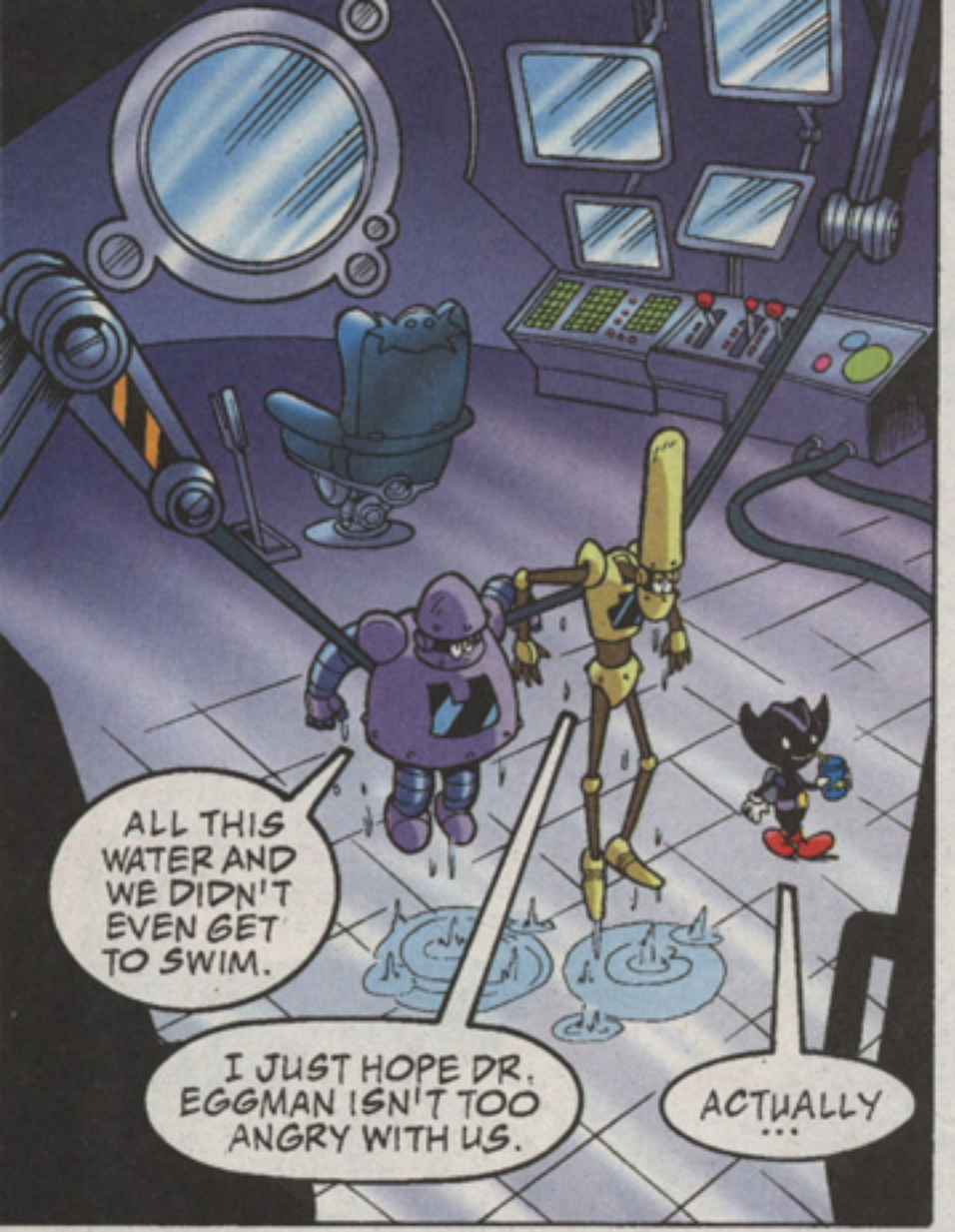

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE, DOCTOR.

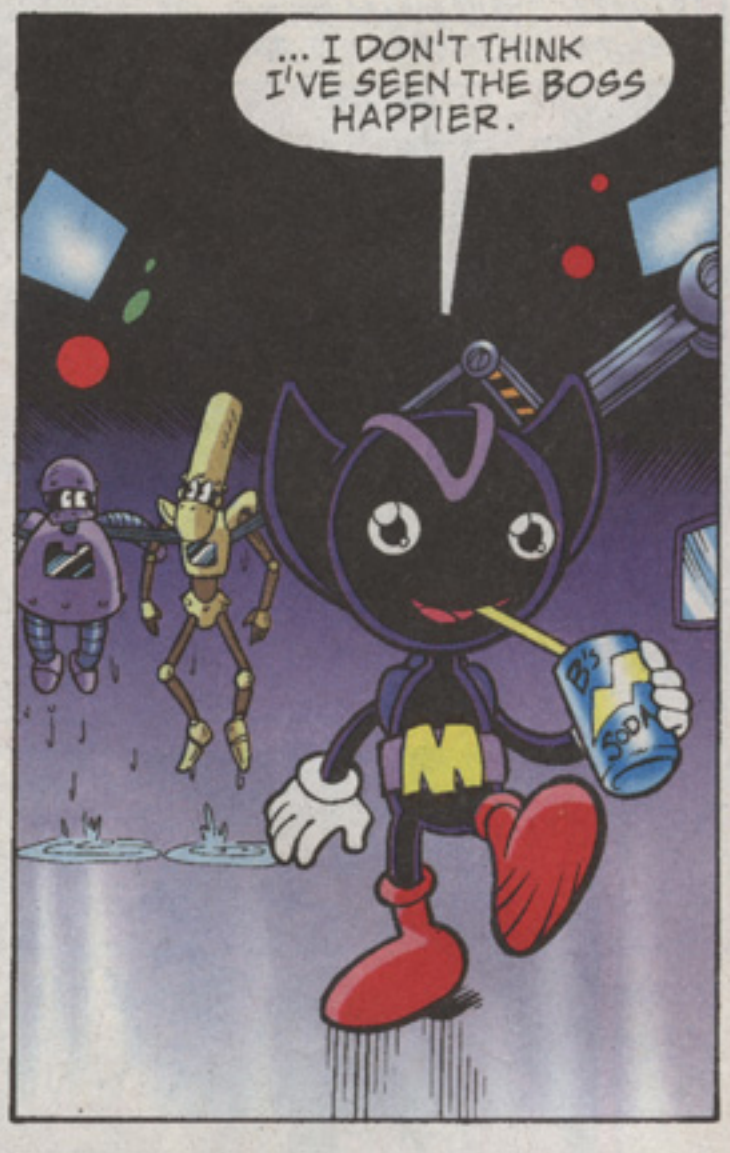
B-B-BUT CAN'T WE AT LEAST STAY FOR AN ENGINE? I MEAN HOT DOG! FOR A HOT DOG?

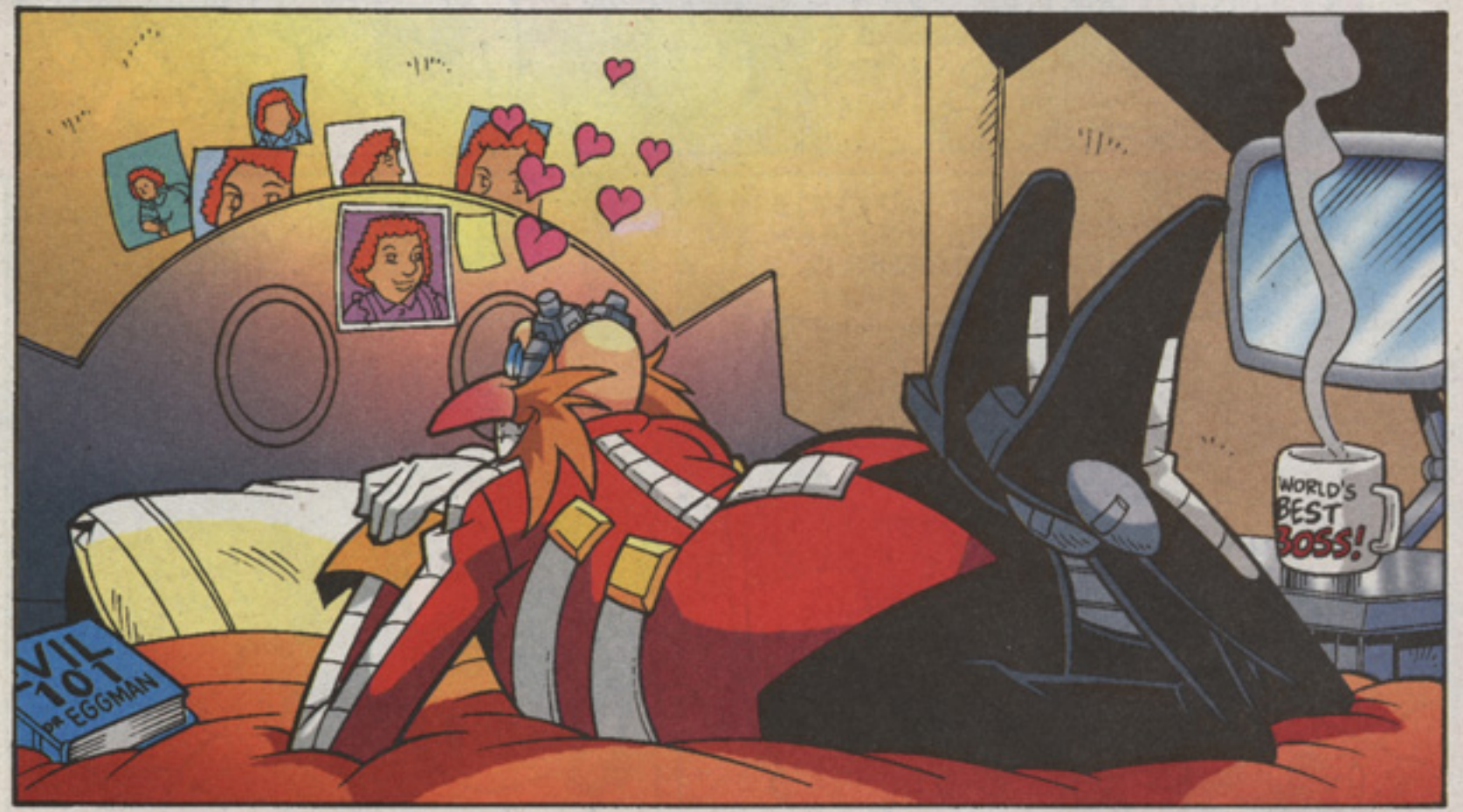
...oh.

WELL... THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.
YUM! CHARCOAL-DOG!

"WELL... THE DAMAGE TO THE MANOR WASN'T BAD...
...CHUCK AND TAILS ARE TRYING TO SALVAGE THE ENGINE..."
...AND CHRIS IS SAFE IN BED. WHAT A DISASTER OF A DAY!
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
NOBODY GOT HURT, AND I ACTUALLY HAD FUN IN THE POOL. THAT MAKES IT A GOOD DAY IN MY BOOK!







Looks like love has hatched for Eggman!
Come back next issue for costume-changing calamity as Sonic tries "Cracking the Eggman" in SONIC X #34!
And in the meantime, check out SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC ARCHIVES, and SONIC SELECT!